

2007-124 AUDIT SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES

The audit by the Bureau of State Audits will provide independently developed and verified information related to the department's administration of the SSB law, and would include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Review and evaluate the laws, rules, and regulations significant to the audit objectives.
2. Identify the various funding sources for the SSB program since 2001. Determine how much funding has been secured to date for the SSB program and calculate total expenditures by year.
3. Review the expenditures for the SSB since the program was initiated and determine how much has been used for public awareness, printing and distribution of materials (including which languages), and for personnel. Evaluate whether the costs appear reasonable and whether such uses were appropriate. Identify any limitations on how the funds are used. In addition, determine how unutilized funds are handled at the end of each fiscal year.
4. Determine how the department sets its goals annually and how it determines where to focus its efforts. Review the department's process for tracking its progress towards meeting those goals.
5. Review the department's process for determining which outreach and public awareness strategies are the most effective. Determine if the department evaluates each strategy to assess how successful the strategy was at informing the public about the SSB program.
6. Identify the department's plans for future and enhanced outreach efforts to increase public awareness of the law. Determine whether the department has outlined goals and outcomes for future public awareness efforts and has a process in place to measure the success of those efforts.
7. Gather information regarding safely surrendered and abandoned babies. At a minimum, provide the following information about each baby:
 - a. Condition
 - b. Location
 - c. Ethnicity
 - d. Age
 - e. Information on the mother:
 - i. Age
 - ii. Marital status
 - iii. Economic status
 - iv. Psychological disorders

8. Determine whether the public outreach efforts appear to be appropriately targeted in light of the results of the data collected in objective 7. Determine whether the department uses this type of information when setting priorities and targeting campaign efforts.